

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE JOINT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS,
CHAPTER 295-2, *EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL DATES*
RULE 295-2-.04, *Licenses Expiring December 31—Odd Years, and Lapsed, Late
Renewal Periods.*
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Joint Secretary, proposes amendments to the Rules of the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards, Chapter 295-2, Expiration and Renewal Dates (hereinafter “proposed rule amendments”). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 295-2-.04. The Joint Secretary voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing on August 31, 2011.

The proposed rule amendment provides for a renewal period and a lapsed, late renewal period for nursing home administrators. During this late period known as “lapsed, late renewal” after the expiration deadline, these licensees may renew by paying a penalty fee.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Professional Licensing Board’s web page at <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/default.htm> . Copies may also be requested by contacting the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 4, 2011 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:30 p.m.) on September 27, 2011. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1363

The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Division Director at her meeting on October 4, 2011 scheduled to begin at 9:05 a.m. at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Division Director has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4.

The Division Director will consider at this meeting on October 4, 2011 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4.

Additionally, at this meeting on October 4, 2011, the Division Director considered whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Division Director considered whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the fields regulated.

For further information, contact the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-1300.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 31st day of August, 2011.

Lisa W. Durden
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: August 31, 2011

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS
RULE 295-2-.04, *Licenses Expiring December 31—Odd Years, and Lapsed, Late
Renewal Periods.***

Purpose: To provide for a renewal period and a lapsed, late renewal period for nursing home administrators. During this late period known as “lapsed, late renewal” after the expiration deadline, these licensees may renew by paying a penalty fee.

Main Features: The proposed rule renewal period and a lapsed, late renewal period for nursing home administrators. During this late period known as “lapsed, late renewal” after the expiration deadline, these licensees may renew by paying a penalty fee.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS
RULE 295-2-.04, *Licenses Expiring December 31—Odd Years, and Lapsed, Late
Renewal Periods.***

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

295-2-.04 Licenses Expiring December 31 – Odd Years, and Lapsed, Late Renewal Periods.

The following licenses expire on December 31 of the odd numbered years.

- (a) Accountancy (CPA and RPA); with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1st to April 30th of even years;
- (b) Dental and Dental Hygienists; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1st to June 30th of even years;
- (c) Forestry; with a lapsed, late renewing period from January 1st to June 30th of even years;
- (d) Geology; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1st to June 30th of even years;
- (e) Nursing Home Administrators; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1st to March 31st of even years;
- ~~(e)~~ (f) Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1st to March 31st of even years;
- ~~(f)~~ (g) Optometry; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1st to January 31st of even years;
- ~~(g)~~ (h) Physical Therapy; with a lapsed, late renewal period from January 1st to February 28th of even years;
- ~~(h)~~ (i) Used Motor Vehicle Dealers, Dismantlers, Rebuilders and Salvage Dealers; with a lapsed, late renewal period of January 1st to February 28th of even years.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-4.